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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Adult Coloring

Bell/Whittington Public Library

Wed., Sept. 5, 6:00 p.m.

For details, visit their Facebook page.

Mystery Book Club

Bell/Whittington Public Library

Thu., Sept. 6, 6:30 p.m.

For details, visit their Facebook page.

Senior Dance

Portland Community Center

Fri., Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m.

For details, call 361.643.9431.

After-School Program Begins

Bell/Whittington Public Library

Monday, Sept. 10, 4:00 p.m.

Open to grades Kindergarten-6th

For details, visit their Facebook page.

Hummingbird Tour

Portland Senior Center

Wed., Sept. 12, 1:00 p.m.

For details, call 361.643.9431.

Portland Opry

Portland Community Center

Thu., Sept. 13, Doors open 6:00 p.m.;

Show begins 7:00 p.m.

For details, call 361.643.9431.

For information on all the programs offered through the Senior Center, Bell/Whittington Public Library, and Parks & Recreation check out the 2018 Program Guide at PortlandTX.com.



CIP PROJECTS SET THE COURSE FOR PORTLAND

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects present some of the most significant investments made on behalf of Portland citizens. They include infrastructure projects, like streets and the water/wastewater system; improvements to the City's parks and trails; and refining or redesigning some of the City's recreational amenities.

For planning purposes and to ensure that dollars spent on high-value capital improvement projects are well managed and optimized, the Portland City Council adopts a five-year CIP every year. In August, the Portland City Council approved the 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Program.

Projects scheduled for the next fiscal year include:

Akins Drive Hike & Bike Trail

Construction of a sidewalk/trail on Akins Drive is expected to start later this year or early 2019. The project was ready to start in the summer of 2017, but issues with the contractor forced the City to halt the project at that time. A portion of the funding is being provided through the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), which is managed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Before the City could get the

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EVERY DOG HAS HIS DAY—IN THE POOL

Pooch-a-Palooza H2O, slated for Saturday, Sept. 8, promises to be a 'pawsome' event. Dogs will rule the pool from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Portland Aquatic Center, located at 2002 Billy G. Webb Drive. Everyone is invited, but only dogs are allowed in the pool. A swimsuit competition and special canine concessions are part of the fun. Registration is required, along with a current vaccination record.

The cost is \$5 per dog; no more than two dogs per adult, please. The swimsuit contest begins at 5:00 p.m. For more information, call 361.777.4670.

CIP PROJECTS...continued

project back on track, it had to be resubmitted for approval to TxDOT. Approval from TxDOT is still pending.

Community Center Expansion

This project will renovate, improve, and expand the Community Center, which opened in 1995. Construction is slated to begin in November 2018. *(Rendering of new entrance is pictured on the front page.)*

Wildcat Drive Waterline

The City has plans to create a loop between two existing waterlines in this area, creating better service and water pressure. TxDOT will perform the work on this project as part of the agency's widening of Wildcat Drive/FM 2986. TxDOT plans to start this project in late 2018.

Chris Andrews Boating Center

The long-awaited boat launch to allow access to Nueces Bay is scheduled to begin construction in mid-2019.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

The City is designing and building an in-house sludge disposal system that will permit Portland to become self-sufficient at disposing of the dewatered sludge product in a landfill. The project is in the design phase with construction planned to start in 2019.

Public Works Center Improvements

Phase I of this project includes construction of a new animal control facility, fueling station, parking lots and driving surfaces, and potentially, a citizen brush/bulky drop-off area to give citizens another option for disposing of large items. Construction of Phase I should be ready to start in late 2018.

Phase II, which includes replacing some of the buildings and drive and access improvements, is scheduled to begin in 2021.

Indian Point Pavilion

Construction of a shade structure to allow for gatherings, activities, and educational opportunities. The project is in the design phase.

Capital improvement projects are those involving buildings or facilities with a total estimated cost of \$100,000 or more. Capital improvement expenditures may also include the purchase of major equipment and vehicles, such as public safety/emergency vehicles, valued at more than \$100,000 with a life expectancy of 15 years or more.

The CIP includes projects and purchases through 2023. Some of those projects beyond 2019 are: utility line replacements to maintain the water and sanitary sewer infrastructure, especially in older neighborhoods; a new public library, improvements to the Aquatic Center, and continued improvements to city streets.

CITIZEN COMMITTEE APPLICANTS SOUGHT

When vacancies occur on various boards, including the Board of Adjustment, Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals, and the Planning and Zoning Commission, the City Council uses applications to fill those vacancies. Applications are now being accepted for the Board of Adjustment, Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals, and the Planning and Zoning Commission. The deadline to submit an application is Monday, Sept. 10.

Applicants must be able to attend at least one evening meeting a month, be a Portland resident who is at least 21 years of age, and must have resided in Portland for the past 12 months. He or she also must be a registered voter who is not in financial arrears with the City.

For further details and to access an application, look in the **News** section on the homepage of PortlandTX.com. Completed applications should be emailed to annette.hall@portlandtx.com or mailed to: City Secretary, 1900 Billy G. Webb Drive, Portland, Texas 78374. Please call 361.777.4513 with any questions.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN TEXAS, OCT. 2

National Night Out in Portland is a community-centered event emphasizing public safety and neighborhood partnerships. This year's event is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 2, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Joe Burke Pavilion. National Night Out is free and open to everyone.

This is a great opportunity for the entire family to meet neighbors and get to know police and fire personnel at a fun, family-friendly event. National Night Out showcases police and fire vehicles and equipment, demonstrations, and activities to promote crime prevention and greater public safety.

H-E-B will provide hot dogs, and popcorn and scones will be served. The Joe Burke Pavilion is located at 2003 Billy G. Webb Drive, next to the Aquatic Center. For more information, call 361.777.4444.

REGISTRATION FOR BOO BASH TRIATHLON

Registration opens in September for the 6th Annual Boo Bash Triathlon. A race date in late September or early October is to be determined. (Watch our Facebook page or register for City E-News for announcements.) The event is open to athletes of every level—from weekend warriors to elite competitors.

There are three competition tiers:

Newbie—200-yard swim, 6-mile bike ride, and a 1-mile run

Sprint Tri—400-yard swim, 14-mile bike ride, and a 5K run

Sprint Relay (2-3 person teams)—400-yard swim, 14-mile bike ride, and a 5K run